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RECYCLING ROUTE THIS WEEK

NEWS

Construction work starts at town hall

■ Renovations are under way at town hall. Under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, towns and cities are required to make public buildings handicap-accessible. That law is the engine driving the current construction work at town hall. The renovation work will continue through the summer, causing some temporary relocation of offices. See story, page 5A.

BULLETIN

■ Mail-in voter registration begins July 1. Special mail-in registration forms are available at the town clerk's office and the Robbins Library. Deadline for submitting a mail-in form to the Board of Registrars is August 23, 28 days before the state primary on Sept. 20. Contact the town clerk's office (646-1000, ext. 4051) for more information.

COMING EVENTS

■ No town-sponsored events are planned for the 4th of July weekend. However, planning has begun for the annual Town Day festivities, which are set for September 24 this year. For more information, contact the Selectmen's office at 646-1000.

OBITUARIES

■ Abbie C. Darby of Arlington has died at the age of 104. She was a well-known resident of Drake Village, having been one of the first residents to move into the elderly housing complex. In 1990 family members and friends celebrated her 100th birthday at the complex. She was active in singing, dancing, needlework, hand crafts and developed a talent for dramatic skits while living at the Village. See obituaries, page 4B.

LIBRARY NEWS

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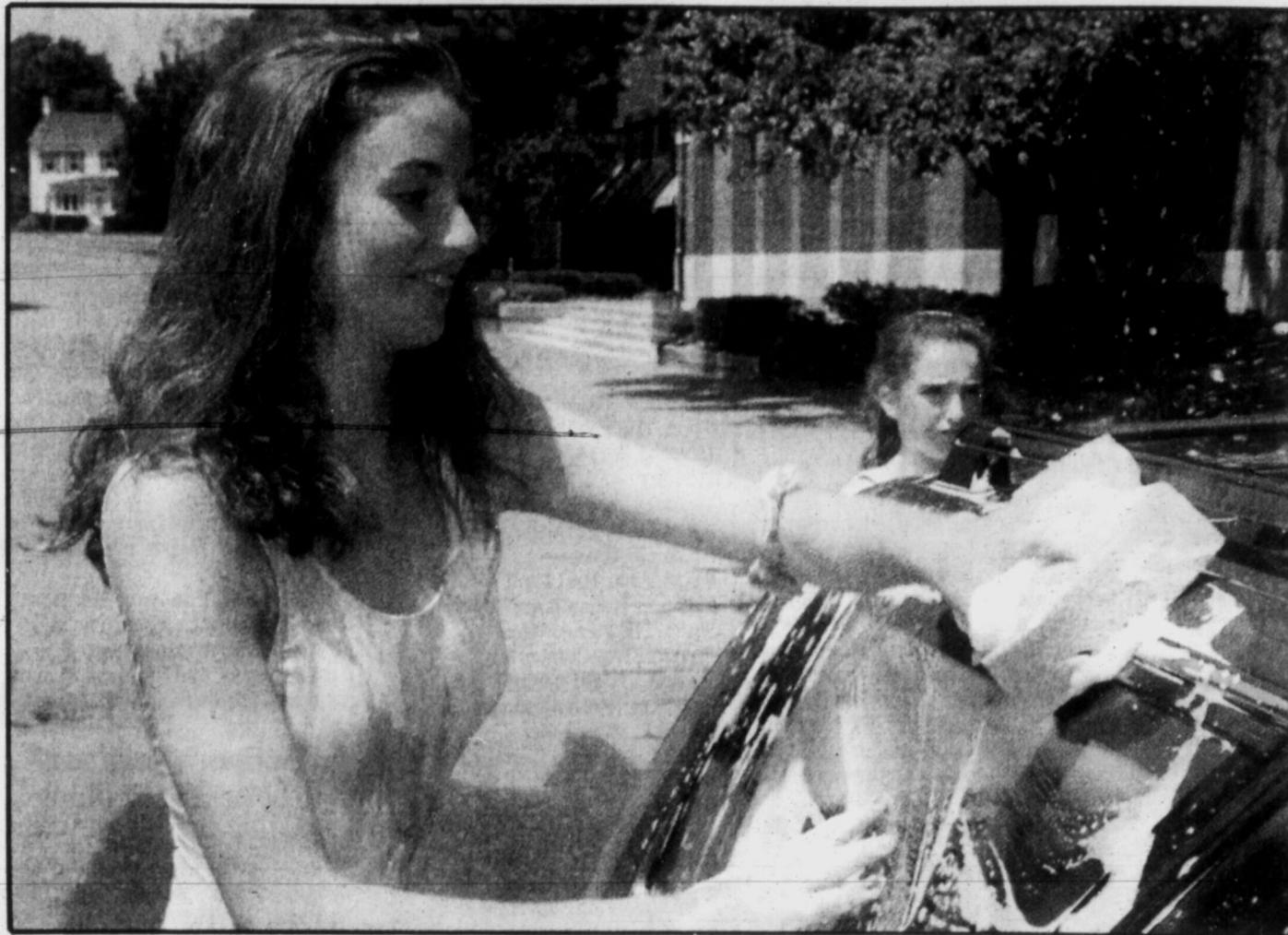
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THE SUDS SQUAD



Amanda Cochrane of Arlington High School's cheerleading squad was on hand at the high school last week for a car-wash fundraiser. For more photos, see page 3A and 1B.

Program pushes summer reading

By E.H. Stockstill
ADVOCATE STAFF

Summertime, and the reading could be easy. Whether your preference is Grisham, Conrad or Vonnegut, summer days are reading days.

And although the Res is open, the highways are crammed with weekend vacationers and the last thing on most kids minds is curling up with a good book, Arlington educators say they are up to the challenge of encouraging students to read, especially during the summer months.

"We want kids to understand that reading is more than a school activity," says Thomas Trevisani, chairman of the English department and one of the masterminds behind the summer reading program. "We want all kids to begin reading," he said. "We're hoping that we're developing good habits for them at a young age. You start them young, and you start them with these habits."

For the last five years, special summer reading lists have been used by high school students in prepping for the new school year. A similar reading list for junior high students has been going strong for four years now. And this last year, another list was developed for elementary students. All lists are annotated, and the high school lists are subdivided into four groups rang-

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THOMAS TREVISANI
CHAIRMAN, AHS ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

ing from advanced to regular. Similarly, the elementary list has categories for pre-schoolers, and young, middle and older grade school students.

Educators and book lovers in town are excited by the continuation of the program.

"I think that it's wonderful that it's there," said Maryanne Uttam, head of children's library services at the Robbins Library, about the newly developed elementary reading list. "It's an extremely useful tool. To have something put together by the schools... is very helpful."

The town's library division and the various bookstores in town are working with the English Department to encourage summertime reading, Trevisani said, and he said he is hopeful of the chances of successfully fostering excitement about reading.

SUMMER READING, See page 16A.

Fifth-graders decide 'What's for lunch?'

By Susan Keane
SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE

It's one thing to understand the basics of a healthy diet, another to plan a meal that is low in fat, sodium and cholesterol — and that will appeal to nearly 1,000 discerning diners.

Stratton School fifth graders were up to that challenge. On June 16 and 23, Arlington's school food service served up meals devised by these young nutritionists. The menu-planning task was part of "What's for Lunch?" a seven-lesson curriculum developed by the Massachusetts affiliate of the American Heart Association and the Massachusetts School Food Service Association.

Implemented in 16 Massachusetts school districts this spring, "What's for Lunch?" was launched at the Stratton School by fifth-grade teachers Helen McGah and Paula Foley in collaboration with Food Service director Patricia Isaia.

"We saw a big, big need to go to the

children and try to teach them to eat well," said Isaia, who served on the task force that designed the curriculum. While children may hear a lot about good nutrition and about cutting down on fat, sugar and salt, few have any notion of how to apply that information to their own meals and snacks, she explained.

Thus, "What's for Lunch?" presents information in a way that will make sense to its young audience. The Food Guide Pyramid, for instance, is a useful visual aid since it shows the relative amounts one should eat from various food groups: cereals, bread, rice and pasta occupy the wide bottom of the pyramid, while fats, oils, and sweets are at the diminishing top.

Analyzing portion size was another new task. In one homework assignment, they estimated their dinner portion sizes, then actually measured what they ate that evening. ("I learned that I ate a lot," one student commented.)

LUNCH MENU, See page 16A.

Job offers made at Symmes

But some nurses complain about pay

By Dave Denison
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

New job offers have been made to about half the workforce at Symmes Hospital, as Lahey Clinic and Advantage Health Corp. move to complete acquisition of Symmes by a July 15 deadline.

Hospital officials expect to employ about 250 workers if paperwork for the sale is approved this summer, according to Symmes President David Speltz, who is working closely with Lahey and Advantage. At its peak, Symmes employed more than 700 workers, but in recent months the level has been about 550.

A spokesperson for Advantage Health said this week that the company has made 150 job offers and has had about 125 accepted. Lahey Clinic expected to make about 90 job offers to Symmes employees by the end of this month.

Many Symmes employees have chosen to look for work in other area hospitals. But among those who have sought to stay on in the new enterprise, there has been dissatisfaction with pay and benefit packages being offered.

Three nurses in the Symmes intensive care unit have

SYMMES, See page 15A.

In the market for opinions

Stop & Shop to commission poll on expansion

By E.H. Stockstill
ADVOCATE STAFF

Off-season negotiations between Stop & Shop and town policymakers have turned up a new player in the company's ongoing attempts to expand its Mass. Ave. grocery store onto a small tract of high school land. A Cambridge firm will conduct a public opinion poll next month on the controversial expansion proposal.

Cambridge-based Abt Associates is being paid by Stop & Shop to poll residents on their opinions about Stop & Shop's bid to acquire a 2.4-acre tract of land behind the high school and to use the property as part of its proposal to create a Super Stop & Shop along the town's central artery.

The poll will "establish a clear indication of the public's view of the pro-

posal," according to a memorandum to the School Committee from Joseph Tulumieri, a Stop & Shop representative.

"(One) problem cited by some school and town officials is the lack of clarity of public opinion regarding the proposal," Tulumieri's memorandum read. "We will all have a better understanding of public perception, support or opposition to the proposal when the results become available."

In addition, Stop & Shop will distribute a series of newsletters to residents detailing information on the proposal. "The newsletters will provide a full and complete description of the proposal, address the most commonly asked questions, describe current and proposed activities of Stop & Shop as a good corporate 'neighbor,' and respond to the issues/impacts cited at

various public forums," according to Tulumieri's memorandum. The newsletters will give residents opportunity to respond in writing to the proposal.

Stop & Shop has been trying since the mid-1980s to enlarge its Mass. Ave. store, and it has been routinely rebuffed in its attempts to do so. Most recently, the School Committee voted earlier this year to suspend action on any Stop & Shop proposal until the company designs a plan that would meet with the approval of the town boards. At the request of the School Committee, the Redevelopment Board reviewed Stop & Shop's most current proposal this year, and the board found numerous faults with the plan. The plan called for a tripling of the size of the current store.

Over the years, many residents have

STOP & SHOP, See page 15A.



MAGICAL MUSIC

PHOTO COURTESY OF DISNEY COMPANY

The Ottoson Junior High School Orchestra performed at Epcot '94 "Magic Music Days" at Disney World last week. Orchestra members pictured are (left to right): Tina Demas, 12, Annie Aumüller, 13, and Lisa Lucente, 15.

INSIDE ARLINGTON

NEWS NOTES

Commission on Disability drawing up bylaws

The Town of Arlington under the direction of the town manager has recently appointed a "Commission On Disability." This commission has been formed to bring Arlington into compliance with federal, state, and local laws governing people with disabilities. At the present time this commission is made up of seven members serving three, two, and one year terms. Jeanne Madden is the coordinator for the commission.

As the commission is in its formative year, by-laws are being drawn up and priorities are being established for its work. Some of the areas in which the commission will be able to be of service are:

1. Coordination of town needs among the various departments of the town.
2. Seeing that new construction and renovation, public and private, meet all established guidelines.
3. Seeing that employment practices in no way conflict with disability laws.
4. Looking into problems that have or may develop in parking, curb cuts, housing, and accessibility to stores, clubs, and public buildings, as well as housing questions.
5. Being able to answer or find answers to questions that may arise as to disability issues from people with disabilities, obvious and hidden, as well as the concerned citizens of Arlington as a whole.

This commission will work with the town in dealing with issues that can

only benefit all Arlingtonians, young and old.

The members of the commission are: John J. Balfe III; Thomas Boudreau; Barbara Cutler; Francis Donnelly; Jeanne Madden; Barbara Murray; and Jan Tobin.

Meetings are open to the public and are held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Commission on Disability office at 27 Maple St.

For more information call 646-1000, Ext. 4732, TDD is 648-8130.

Common Cause lauds Abbott, volunteers

Sara Buehler, the membership director of Common Cause of Massachusetts, recently praised Freeland Abbott of Arlington for leading the local petition drive in Arlington which successfully led to the enactment of the strongest campaign finance reform measure in the country. "The law wouldn't have been possible without the leadership of people like Abbott of Arlington," said Buehler.

"More than 500 volunteers across the state gave their time — and lots of it — to stand in store parking lots, urging voters to sign a petition which would have placed the Common Cause proposal on the November ballot. It's hard work and they deserve recognition for helping to change the face of politics in Massachusetts," said Buehler.

Last fall, Common Cause led the volunteer effort which collected more than 95,000 signatures, the first step in bringing the bill to the state legislature. "At least one person in every city and town in Massachusetts signed this petition," said Buehler. "The people of Arlington showed strong support for reform." It was following this outpouring of public support and focused media attention which led to the signing of the bill this month.

Arlington Coordinator Abbott was glad to be part of the petition drive. "So many people were supportive of this issue," said Abbott. "They are outraged that the state government has been dominated by well-financed special in-

terests and lobbyists."

Buehler says the mood among Common Cause volunteers is ecstatic. "This is democracy in action. The people joined together to initiate a bill; the legislature and the governor responded to their call," she said. "This does not mean, however, that our work is done. Our volunteers will still work to make lawmakers accountable. We're going to carefully monitor the implementation of this new law."

The legislation bans gifts from lobbyists; it lowers the contribution limits for individuals and PACs to \$500 per year and for lobbyists to \$200 per year; it requires candidates to disclose the occupation and employer of large contributors; it limits the total amount candidates can accept from all PACs combined and it establishes a workable system of partial public financing and spending limits for statewide candidates.

The legislation, which was signed by the governor June 15, also creates a special commission to study the ethics law.

Educational opportunity in exchange program

Every year, thousands of American families participate in a culturally enlightening program called the American Intercultural Student Exchange. This nonprofit program offers an opportunity for Americans to learn about another culture in a family setting.

AISE is seeking volunteer families to host high school aged exchange students for the upcoming school year. AISE provides families with complete background information about each student, and allows the families to choose the student whom they would like to host. Students have their own health insurance and spending money, and host families provide students with room and board, and most important, insight into typical American life.

With more than 3,000 students from over 30 countries arriving in August for the 1994-95 school year, AISE is seeking families who are willing to host an exchange student for the upcoming school year. If you can help, please call AISE at 1-800-SIBLING.

CABLE TV

(All programs shown on Arlington Community Television, public access Channel 13, unless otherwise noted.)

Thursday, June 30:
4 p.m. GED, Spanish
5 p.m. Destinos
6 p.m. State House Report
6:30 p.m. When the Race is Over
7 p.m. Cable Spotlight
8 p.m. The Missing Tooth
9 p.m. Living Unlimited
10 p.m. Hal Kottin Show
Friday, July 1:
10 a.m. Golden Opportunities
10:30 a.m. The Front Page
11:30 a.m. Cable Cuisine
12 p.m. Video Shortcuts
12:30 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting
3 p.m. Fidelity House Gymnastics Recital - Kindergarten and first grade
5 p.m. Arlington Library Dedication
8 p.m. The Arlington Ear
10 p.m. The Arlington Ear
Saturday, July 2:
2 p.m. GED English
3 p.m. GED Spanish
4 p.m. Destinos
5 p.m. Faces
10 p.m. The Missing Tooth
Sunday, July 3:
10 a.m. Live From the Pleasant Street Church
11:30 a.m. The Missing Tooth
8 p.m. The Missing Tooth
Monday, July 4:
Holiday
Tuesday, July 5:
4 p.m. GED, Spanish
5 p.m. Destinos
6 p.m. Town Hall Topics
6:30 p.m. Educational Forum
7 p.m. The Front Page
8 p.m. Live, Community TV Update - David Cassidy Special
8:30 p.m. Fidelity House Gymnastics Recital - First grade
10 p.m. Arlington Library Ribbon Cutting
Wednesday, July 6:
4 p.m. GED, English
5 p.m. Faces of Culture
6 p.m. Golden Opportunities
6:30 p.m. Video Shortcuts
7 p.m. Paws for Adoption
7:30 p.m. Continental: At Your Service
8 p.m. Town Hall Topics
8:30 p.m. Forever Baseball 9 p.m. On Line
9:30 p.m. AHS 1994 graduation

Meetings

Thursday, June 30

The Board of Selectmen is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. in its second floor chambers at town hall.

Thursday, July 7

The Conservation Commission will meet at 7:45 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, July 18

The Board of Selectmen is scheduled to meet at 7:15 p.m. in its second floor chambers at town hall.

LIBRARY NEWS

Story hours for children at Fox

Story hours for children at ages 3 to 5 will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays in July at the Fox Branch Library, 175 Mass. Ave. No sign-up is necessary; children are invited to drop in to hear the stories, choose books and play with the library's toys and puppets. Children at ages 3 to 13 can also sign up for the library's summer reading program, "Ticket to Read," at the Fox Library. A free RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) paperback book may be chosen by each child who registers for the reading club.

The new Fox Branch Library hours are: Mondays, closed; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1 to 9 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, closed.

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July 13: "Kids Craft Fair," a program co-sponsored with the Arlington Rec-

reation Department. Youngsters will sell and display homemade items at the Sports Center on Summer Street. To sign up come to the Children's Room of the Robbins Library by Tuesday, July 12. You will need to give your name, age and a general idea of what you will be selling.

Beginning the week of July 11: A series of story times and craft programs for children of different ages. Please sign up and ask for information when you visit the Children's Room of the Robbins or the Fox Library.

July 27: Galapagos Puppets present "Fire Cloud Cave" from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at the Hardy School. The program is for children ages 4 to 12 and their families.

Library hours change for summer

The Robbins Library will be closed on Saturdays for the summer beginning July 2. The library will resume Saturday openings Sept. 10. The library is also closed Sundays.

ABOUT ARLINGTON PEOPLE

Allen to lead Affirmative Action

Kathleen Allen, resident of Belmont and 1992 candidate for state representative for East Arlington and Belmont, has been named acting director of the first-in-the-nation Institute for Affirmative Action, a nonprofit organization devoted to academically-based research and policy analysis on issues of affirmative action. The institute has just announced a joint project with the McCormack Institute of Public Policy at UMass-Boston to study affirmative action for minority and women businesses and workers on the Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel project, as compared to similar projects in other major cities. The project is also supported by the philanthropic group, the Boston Foundation. Allen is an attorney and former commissioner of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

Allen said that the long-range goals of the institute include affiliation with a major university, particularly one that is community-based like UMass-Boston, to create a library on affirmative action, and a graduate program in which the successes and failures of affirmative action initiatives can be objectively studied and new policies formulated for the 21st century. There is no similar institute anywhere in the United States.

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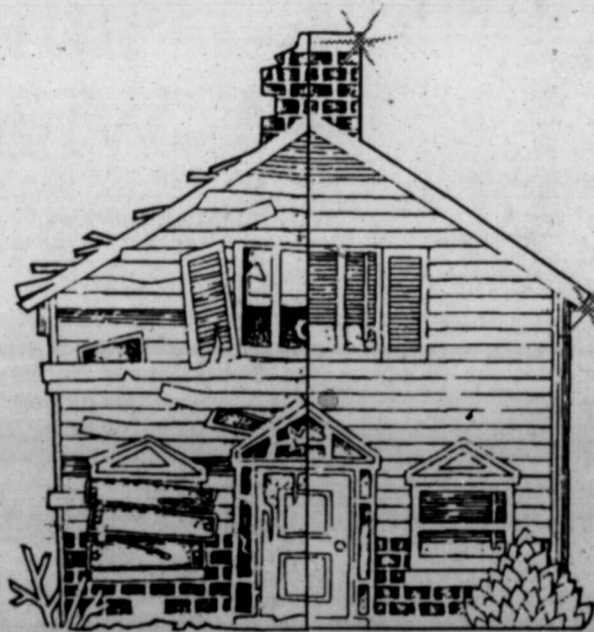
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ARLINGTON NEWS

CHEERS



Michelle Marrone of Arlington High School's cheerleading squad helped at the car wash fundraiser held last week.

ADVOCATE PHOTO BY CHRIS BENTLEY

TOWN HALL ROUNDUP

Licenses approved for new restaurants

The Board of Selectmen, at its June 20 meeting, approved special food victualler's licenses for two new restaurants in town: the Golden Garden at 484 Mass. Ave., a Chinese restaurant, and Tiramesu Cafe at 663 Mass. Ave., which will serve pastries and gourmet coffee. Both licenses were effective immediately upon the board's approval. The Golden Garden will be located

next to the new Royal Discount Books, and Tiramesu Cafe will locate to the former site of TCBY Yogurt, which closed shop this spring and relocated to Belmont.

New administrator sought

The Board of Selectmen had interviews scheduled this week with several candidates for the board's new administrator position. A subcommittee recommended seven candidates out of 26 applicants for the position.

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Principal searches are continuing for schools

New principals for the Brackett and Bishop schools should be in place by the middle of July. Each elementary school currently has three finalists vying for the jobs of principal. At the Brackett, acting principal Madeline Powers is stepping down from the post; the three candidates up for the job are Bob Pinta of North Reading, a principal in Gloucester; Bob Teel of Essex, Mass., who serves as a principal in New Hampshire; and Bob Imber of Princeton, Mass., a school principal in Stowe.

At the Bishop, acting principal Steve Carme is one of three finalists for the job of principal. The other two are Bob Teel, and James Boyd, a principal in Wakefield.

Those involved in the search process say final choices are expected sometime in the middle part of July.

School brochure released by educators and realtors

The Arlington public schools, in conjunction with a group of Arlington realtors, has released a new brochure

HEALTH NOTES

Cholesterol testing at Brattle Pharmacy

Heartline Screening Services will conduct a community cholesterol and diabetes clinic at Brattle Pharmacy, 1043 Mass. Ave., on June 30 and July 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$9. All tests are performed by certified technicians using the Reflotron analyzer, with results in five minutes. For more information call Heartline at (508)755-1145.

Nurses aide training at Winchester

There is a strong need for certified nurses aides and Winchester Hospital is offering a 75-hour nurses aide training course. This course meets all qualifications to take the state exam to become a certified nurses aide and a stepping stone to becoming a home health aide.

For information and registration call Winchester Hospital's Community Health Institute at 756-2220.

Childbirth classes at Winchester Hospital

Winchester Hospital offers a variety of educational programs on childbearing for parents-to-be. Classes are offered in Winchester, Woburn, Reading, Burlington and Wilmington.

This program teaches the breathing techniques necessary for birth. Topics will include the phases of labor, various roles of the coach, anesthesia and medications, relaxation techniques and coping mechanisms.

anisms.

Winchester Hospital also offers a traditional six-week childbirth education series. In addition to learning breathing techniques and the phases of labor, parents will gain knowledge about routine hospital procedures and learn how to choose a pediatrician.

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SENIOR NEWS

ARLINGTON SENIORS ASSOCIATION

Weekly programs

Sponsored by the Arlington Seniors Association, these programs are offered every week at the Senior Center. To join a class or group, call 646-1000, Ext. 4740 or 4743.

Monday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., exercise; 1 to 4 p.m., contract bridge.

Tuesday, 9 to 10 a.m., beginning line dancing; 10 to 11:15 a.m., intermediate line dancing.

Wednesday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., exercise; 10 a.m. to noon, informal knitting; 1 to 4 p.m., contract bridge; 1 to 3 p.m., beano.

Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m., square dance lessons; 10 a.m. to noon, senior forum; 1:15 to 2:30 p.m., line dance class.

Friday, 9 to 10:30 a.m., yoga; 1 to 4 p.m., contract bridge or other games and pool lessons.

Cribbage

Cribbage instructions are available on Mondays, at 1 p.m. Free.

Sing along

Sing along cancelled until September.

Whist Party

Whist Party will be canceled during June, July and August.

Bridge

Progressive bridge at the Senior Center, Mondays, at 1 p.m. Admission is \$1. Prizes will be awarded.

Overnight trips

July 31 to Aug. 1: Tanglewood. Cost is \$199 double occupancy. Overnight at Williams Inn, two meals, reserved shed seating at Tanglewood and admission to Norman Rockwell Museum. Final payment due June 30.

Aug. 12 to 15: Ottawa and the Thousand Islands Region. Four days. Cost is \$299 double occupancy, \$389 single; \$289 triple. Six meals, escorted sightseeing tour of Ottawa and cruise of 1000 Islands. Deposit is \$25 due June 12. Full payment due July 12.

For more information, call Betty at 643-6143.

ARLINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING

SHINE

Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — COA Health benefits counselors will be at the Council on Aging on Wednesday

from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., to provide free confidential assistance with questions on Medicare, Medex, Health Maintenance Organizations, insurance claims forms, prescription drugs, etc. To make an appointment call 646-1000 Ext. 4720. If, for any reason, you are unable to keep your appointment with SHINE, a call letting us know would be appreciated.

This program is coordinated by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs at the Statehouse in Boston.

Project Hire

If you are in need of a companion, homemaker or health aide and you live in Arlington or Lexington, contact June Brooks, Project Hire at COA. Call 646-1000 Ext. 4720 Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 27 Maple Street.

Social Services Notes

If certain personal problems have you or a member of your family troubled, don't keep them to yourself. Our Outreach worker, Mrs. Diane Tainter, a licensed social worker, can help you with short-term counseling, nursing and retirement information. Call Diane Tainter at 646-1000, Ext. 4720.

Eating Together Meal Site

Senior Center Luncheon Site, 27 Maple St. Call site manager, 646-1000 Ext.

4747 for reservations and transportation. Drake Village Site, Hauser Bldg., 37 Drake Village Road. Call the site manager at 648-7500 for reservations and transportation. Reservations are necessary. Menus may change without notice. Monday, July 4, Holiday; Tuesday, July 5, knockwurst/German potato salad; Wednesday, July 6, bbq chicken leg/baked beans; Thursday, July 7, cold roast beef sandwich/macaroni salad; Friday, July 8, stuffed pepper/rice.

TDD/TTY phone number

The COA has a TDD phone for the hearing impaired. Call 648-8130.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to drive for the Meals-on-wheels program in Arlington. Pick your own day. Hours are 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information call Lynne at 646-1000, Ext. 4720.

Blood pressure screening

The weekly blood pressure screening will be held at the COA on Thursday, July 7, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Nurses will check blood pressure and provide counseling for health problems and issues.

Podiatry Clinic

The monthly Podiatry Clinic will be held on the morning of July 11, 9 a.m. to noon, at the COA, 27 Maple Street, Arlington. Dr. Daniel Seligman and Dr.

Richard Manolian will provide an examination of the feet, nail cutting and minor treatment of foot ailments at a rate of \$15 per visit. For an appointment call 646-1000, Ext. 4720.

Dial-a-ride and coupons

Dial-a-Ride cards and coupons are available at the COA, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are unable to come in, please mail a check along with your name, address, telephone number, I.D. number (if available) and a stamped self-addressed envelope to COA.

Coupons come in books of five, ten or more (in increments of five). A book of five coupons is \$6.25, a book of 10 is \$12.50. These coupons will be good for the 1994 Dial-A-Ride season.

For more information please call the COA at 646-1000, Ext. 4724.

Help with spring chores

Thanks to sponsorship from W.R. Grace Co. the LINKS program Linking Neighborhood Kids with Senior Citizens will be able to continue again this year. Yard clean-up, pet care (such as walking or grooming), marketing or other errands are some of the services provided by the students. Students are encouraged to work in pairs at a rate of \$3 to \$4 per hour. Seniors interested in requesting services should contact June Brooks at the Council, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 646-1000, Ext. 4720. We will pass the request to the school coordinator, Dennis Mercurio, who will match seniors with students if they are available.

Hearing screening

The COA and Symmes Hospital are having a free hearing screening on July 19, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the COA, 27 Maple St. The hearing testing will be conducted by a speech pathologist from the rehabilitated services at Symmes Hospital. For an appointment call the COA at 646-1000, Ext. 4720.

MBTA passes

Arlington and Lexington will co-sponsor the MBTA Pass Day. This year it will be held at the Lexington Senior Center, 1475 Mass. Ave., Lexington, located in the dining room, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The registration team will issue picture identifications to seniors who are 65 and over and fully handicapped people under 60. Bring proof of age and fifty cents for this lifetime pass. No appointments necessary.

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Food Stamps

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Spare Time?

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ARLINGTON NEWS

Police shoot raccoon suspected to be rabid

BY THE ADVOCATE STAFF

Police were led on a wild raccoon chase last week after reports surfaced that a strangely behaving raccoon had been spotted in the area of the Veterans Memorial Sports Center. The raccoon was eventually shot by police through the head.

It is not known whether the creature was rabid.

Police said that four officers went on the hunt for the raccoon on the afternoon of Monday, June 20. The animal

went from Beck Road to Rockaway Lane to Blossom Street, then down to Mass. Ave., where police finally shot it.

Police had responded to the calls of several neighbors in the area who had spotted the animal in their neighborhood.

Police Services Director John Carroll said the town's animal services division has had to chase and destroy a few unusually behaving animals over the past few months, but he said fewer such animals have been spotted this year than last.

Lakian makes case vs. Romney

BY THE ADVOCATE STAFF

Republican John Lakian campaigned this week in Arlington, arguing that he is the man best positioned to upset Sen. Edward Kennedy in this fall's U.S. Senate race.

As Belmont Republican Mitt Romney saturates the television airwaves with political ads directed at Kennedy, Lakian is keeping his aim on Romney. The two will face off in the September 20 statewide Republican primary for the chance to go against Kennedy.

Lakian is portraying himself as a candidate from a working-class background who is up against two privileged scions.

"There are a lot of similarities between Mr. Romney and Mr. Kennedy," Lakian said in an interview with the

Advocate on Tuesday. Both Romney and Kennedy are from wealthy and well-known political families. Romney's father is a former governor of Michigan.

Lakian said the difference between his campaign and Romney's is the difference between "a populist Republicanism versus an establishment Republicanism."

But Lakian conceded he is at a fundraising disadvantage against Romney. "Romney's got all the money," he said, due to support from "the corporate elitists," as well as the religious right in the party.

Romney has been advertising extensively, attempting to create an appealing image while portraying Kennedy as a Senator whose time has come and gone.

Lakian professed to be unimpressed with Romney's ads, which he described as "run of the mill."

A successful businessman, Lakian said he would spend his own money to the extent necessary in an attempt to compete with Romney.

Touting his upbringing in a Worcester three-decker, Lakian said he is the Republican who can best "deprive Senator Kennedy of his grassroots vote, working class and middle class (voters)."

He charged Romney with tailoring his stands to various interest groups. "It's very difficult to figure out where Mitt is on any given issue at any given time," he said.

Bailey outlines campaign issues against Markey

Winchester Republican Brad Bailey was the guest speaker at the June 16 dinner meeting of the Arlington Republican Town Committee.

Bailey, a candidate for the U.S. 7th Congressional District, entertained questions from the audience about crime, health care, national defense, education, a balanced budget in Congress, campaign strategy and other factors. Bailey is a challenger for the seat of U.S. Rep. Edward Markey.

Until recently Bailey was an assistant U.S. Attorney. Prior to that he was an assistant district attorney in Middlesex County and New York. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Virginia Law School, and is a Winchester Town Meeting member. Bailey also served on the U.S. Attorney's organized crime strike force.

Bailey is the grandson of former Massachusetts Gov. Robert Bradford and nephew of former U.S. Senator Mack Mathias of Maryland.

In his speech, Bailey charged Markey with being out of touch with the people of his district. Only recently did

Markey open an office in Malden. Bailey said Markey's concentration appears to be one-dimensional, with the congressman paying most of his attention to telecommunication issues.

Bailey announced that he is in the process of opening campaign offices in Weston, Lincoln and Framingham. He has his office presently in Woburn.

Any questions concerning his campaign can be referred to 937-9494: Judith S. Galluzzo is the campaign manager. Peter Canning is communications manager and Dan Strange is field director. John Caswell, Republican statewide committee member is treasurer.

Those in attendance at the dinner meeting, held at Garron's Restaurant, were as follows: Bob Finn, Loretta Finn, Hilda Judd, John Helffer, Lorinda Roberts, Judith Quimby, Frederick J. Sennott Jr., John Fitzmaurice, Patricia Fitzmaurice, Dan Strange, Robert Hayden, chairman; Thomas W. Murphy, recording secretary; John Worden, Town Meeting moderator; Patricia Wordan; Lyman Judd; Brion M. Cangiamila, candidate for State Senate; and Joe Precora Jr., campaign manager for Brion M. Cangiamila.

Town hall undergoing renovations

BY THE ADVOCATE STAFF

Hammers banging, electric saws abuzz, workmen plundering through the bowels of town hall beneath the main auditorium. These are not the sorts of activities one would expect at town hall. But these days, the historic building in the town's center is getting a facelift — and one that will even make the federal government smile.

Under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, towns and cities are required to make public buildings handicap-accessible. That law is the engine driving the current construction work at town hall.

Specifically, the \$819,000 project, under the guidance of Boston-based contractors G.V.W., Inc., will displace the majority of the offices in the rear portion of town hall (also called the town hall annex). The project, which started on June 20, is scheduled to continue through the summer and into the fall, with a late November completion date set.

"Our hope is that the Arlington town hall will be a model for other communities in the area to follow in bringing their public buildings up to ADA stan-

dards," said Vivian Law, an architect with Court Street Architects, which designed the project. "That's what's driving this project," she said. "The town hall is really convoluted... so in order to facilitate movement in the building we're putting in elevators, wheel chair lifts and an exterior sloped walkway so that people can access the building."

According to Kevin O'Brien with the planning department, town hall phone lines and mail service will remain the same throughout the project, but several offices will have to be relocated during the work.

The plan is to house the planning department in the old Central School — that building is located just behind town hall at the corner of Maple and Academy streets — and the payroll department in the basement of the high school early next week. The offices of personnel, public works and the town manager will be moved late in July. Personnel will relocate to the Central School, public works will be at the Grove Street engineering offices, and the town manager's staff will set up at the newly rededicated Robbins Library.

Late in the summer, the town treasurer's office will also be relocated, but

a new home has yet to be chosen for that department.

In addition to all the changes inside town hall, the veterans services and board of health, formerly located behind town hall in the Robbins House, have moved to the Fox Library, and youth services has relocated to the Robbins House.

Town officials say by the end of the year, though, all this scurrying around will be completed, and the new and improved town services at the town hall will be fully operational.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Hardy School holds class night

Hardy School held its annual sixth grade class night recently. Many parents, relatives and teachers filled the auditorium to honor the graduates.

At the opening of the ceremony the 47 graduates formed a procession to the front of the auditorium and were seated before a majestic balloon arch of royal blue and yellow, the school's colors. Each girl carried a yellow carnation adorned with blue and yellow ribbons. The boys wore similar flowers on their shirts.

The program included greetings and reflections by Hardy principal, Barbara Fischer Long, several songs sung by the sixth graders and accompanied and directed by Gina Esile-Sylva, music specialist; presentation of patrol certificates by safety officer David McKenna; and presentation of certificates and class pictures by sixth grade teachers Sandra Caffelle and Donna Dolan and P.T.O. co-president James Barzen.

Guest speaker for the evening was Larry Greco, Ottonson Junior High teacher, who spoke poignantly on the topic of personal decision making.

Mrs. Long presented the Presiden-

tial Academic Fitness and Presidential Outstanding Class Effort Awards.

Presidential Academic Fitness Awards are presented to five percent of the students in the graduating class. Criteria include a B+ or better average for the past three years, a score in the 80th percentile or better on the California Achievement Tests, and exemplary citizenship, responsibility and reliability.

Students honored with this award were Alice Casey and Stephen Quinlan.

Presidential Outstanding Class Effort Awards are presented to 10 percent of the students in the graduating class. The winners of this award have demonstrated extraordinary effort to learn as deemed by their teachers.

Winners of the Presidential Outstanding Class Effort Awards are Gregory Aimo, Jennifer Bartlett, Colleen Powers and Jill Saxe.

A special certificate was presented by Mrs. Long to Barbara McMakin who has been a Hardy parent for 27 consecutive years. McMakin's youngest child, Margaret, received her graduation certificate at the ceremony.

Class Night was a tribute to the children, faculty and families who have worked together cooperatively through the years.

Swim club open at Minuteman Tech

Minuteman Tech's Summer School and Swim Club open on July 5. Summer School offers daytime courses for young people and adults in academics, practical skills, the arts, computers and athletics from July 5 to 29. Minuteman Tech's swimming pool is open from 1 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, from July 5 to 29. For information call 861-7150.

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Courses in study skills, verbal SAT preparation and math SAT preparation will also be available, in addition to computer courses (Macintosh and IBM), courses in practical skills, the arts and athletics. Registration for all courses is now being accepted.

For more information, call the Minuteman Tech Summer School office at 861-7150. Minuteman Tech is located at 758 Marrett Road (Route 2A), Lexington, just west of Route 128. It can be reached via the MBTA Hanscom Field bus from Alewife station.

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Wadzinski graduates from St. Sebastian's; receives science, music awards

Thomas L. Wadzinski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wadzinski of Menotomy Road, recently graduated from St. Sebastian's County Day School in Needham. He was salutatorian of the class of '94, and also received The St. Sebastian Medal for Science, the Paul A. Ablondi Memorial Medal for Mathematics, and was selected by the faculty to receive an award for the pursuit of excellence in the study of mathematics.

In addition, Wadzinski has been awarded the Paderewski Gold Medal by the National Guild of Piano Teachers. The medal is awarded to piano students who have been winners in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians' auditions for ten years. Wadzinski is a piano student of Irene C. Reed.

Wadzinski plans to attend Carlton College in Minnesota in the fall.

Area students receive prizes at Winsor School

Two Arlington students received prizes at The Winsor School graduation exercises recently. Elizabeth Katz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Katz, received honorable mention in the Ruth Sabine Prize for excellence in writing. Sarah Duffy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Duffy, received the Nancy Sheldermine Memorial Prize in Photography. The prize is awarded to a student whose promise and commitment to the

medium of photography have enabled her to create exceptional work.

Kiernan graduates from Brooks School

Brendan John Kiernan, son of Mrs. James P. Kiernan, of Arlington, recently graduated cum laude from Brooks School.

Kiernan was involved in the school's Spanish Club and the Art Association, and served as a dorm prefect and a chapel prefect.

In sports, Kiernan played center on the basketball team, where he led the team in scoring and rebounding, his talents earned him All-League status and recognition as the league's MVP. This spring he was inducted into the Cum Laude Society, a national honor society.

Next year, Kiernan will attend Holy Cross as a freshman.

Maranian wins award for piano work

Lauren Maranian, a student at the Gazza School of Piano, recently won a gold pin and national membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians at the National Piano Playing Auditions. Maranian, daughter of Robert and Linda Maranian, is a fourth grade student at the Hardy School.

Borges graduates at Montrose

The Montrose School class of 1994 held graduation exercises recently. Graduating was Monika Maria Helene Borges, native of Bocholt, Germany, and current resident of Arlington.

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that her dog be accepted along with her, the first student from Germany to study at Montrose and the first foreign student to stay for two years. She adapted so well and so quickly to her new language and culture that when any of us were asked 'How many foreign students attend Montrose?' Monika was never in the count. For us, she was so American."

Cavanagh praised Borges's determination, academic discipline, and her efforts in basketball and softball. "A self-assured and sincere young woman, Monika's love for her family and for her Germany will take her home this summer, and her love for the USA will bring her back to begin her studies at the University of Dallas this fall," Cavanagh.

Gilbert graduates from Earlham College

Jonathan Gilbert, son of Mary Susan Weinstock Gilbert of Arlington, was awarded the bachelor of arts degree from Earlham College during commencement exercises recently.

Gilbert graduated with a major in music with college honors. He was a member of Concert Choir and Madrigal Singers while at Earlham. He participated in the Vienna Choral program in 1988.

Earlham College was founded by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in 1847. The College offers 29 majors in the sciences, humanities, and social science. More than 60 percent of its graduates pursue postgraduate study; many will go on to earn doctoral degrees.

Perneta graduates Carnegie Mellon

Tracy A. Perneta, a 1990 graduate of Arlington High School, participated in the 97th commencement exercises of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh recently. Perneta earned a bachelor of arts degree in creative writing with an additional major in professional writing.

During her four years Perneta actively pursued her writing and publishing interests working for the Carnegie Mellon University Press, publishing their annual poetry series, and through her participation with The Student Union, the The Pterodactyl Speedway student writer's guild.

Perneta was also active in Kappa Kappa Gamma women's fraternity, serving as vice president of Standards, heading the Ritual Committee, and acting as Senior Week coordinator.

Her work earned her two awards at the English Department's Adamson Awards for excellence in writing: the CMU Press Prize for Poetry in 1992; and the CMU Press Prize for Fiction in 1993. Perneta earned dean's list honors three consecutive semesters and earned high honors her last semester. Perneta graduates with a 3.0 overall grade point average.

Foley, Hadzeczyriakides earn MBA degrees

The Babson College Graduate School of Business conferred master of business administration degrees on 224 graduates at its 42nd commencement ceremonies held recently in Wellesley. The following residents earned an MBA degree: **Richard P. Foley**, formerly of Arlington and a graduate of Arlington High School, and **Lisa M. Hadzeczyriakides** of Arlington.

Zois gets degree at Bunker Hill

Anastasis Zois of Arlington received an associate degree at the 20th commencement exercises of Bunker Hill Community College in Boston recently.

The principal speaker was Judge Peter W. Agnes Jr., managing justice of the Chelsea Court, Northern Trial Session.

Dr. C. Scully Stikes, president of the college, presided during the commencement exercises. Of the 580 graduates, 303 received associate in science degrees, 94 associate in arts, and 183 received Certificates.

Awiszus, Hayes graduate at Providence

Two areas students were among the 877 graduates of Providence College who received their undergraduate degrees during the college's 76th commencement exercises recently.

Graduated from the college were: **Eileen Awiszus** of Summer Street, who was awarded a bachelor's degree in health policy management; and **Kathleen Hayes** of Ridge Street, who was awarded a bachelor's degree in humanities.

Shea graduates cum laude

Kristen E. Shea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Shea of Arlington, received a cum laude bachelor of arts degree in Spanish from Middlebury College at the 1994 commencement exercises recently on the Vermont liberal arts college campus.

Local students graduate at U-Mass., Lowell

Commencement ceremonies of the University of Massachusetts Lowell were held June 5.

Among the graduates were the following students from Arlington: **Les R. Chermaskas**, of Lakehill Avenue; **Rauenchit Majarone**, of Appleton Street; **Caroline Roos**, of Bates Road; **Dianne Marie Ruggiero**, of Mass. Ave.; **Jack W. Tseng**, of Broadway; **Peter M. Hogan**, of Arnold Street; **Kenneth P. Holdman**, of Webcowet Road; **James P. Jacobs**, of Oxford Street; **Brian F. King**, of Michael Street; **John D. Maher**, of Fayette Street; **Jennifer Maloy**, of

James Street; **Edward Marootian Jr.** of Jeffrey Road; **Karen A. O'Neill**, of Fairmont; **Dana Truitt Patek**, of Colonial Village Drive; **Stephen J. Saurier**, of College Avenue; **Isaac A. Sheldon**, of Pleasant Street; **Sharon L. Silva**, of Webcowet Road; **Terence J. Tobin**, of Venner Road; and **John Richardson**, of Robbins Road.

Smyth on dean's list

Arlington resident **Peter Smyth** has completed his second year of a four-year bachelor of science degree program in aeronautical science at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, Ariz., where he was named to the dean's list and also received his instrumentation pilot's rating. Smyth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Smyth of Waverley Street. He is a graduate of Arlington High School, class of 1992.

Salem State awards master's degrees

Salem State College awarded master's degrees at the college's 184th commencement exercises. Arlington residents receiving degrees were: **Shelah Lunden** and **William R. Riley**.

Several local residents graduate at WPI

Several Arlington residents received degrees at Worcester Polytechnic Institute at the Institute's commencement exercises on May 21. They include: **Peter P. Baltatzidis**; **Julie Ann Driscoll**; **Timothy John Muldoon**; and **Patrick William Toomey**.

Baltatzidis, and Driscoll graduated with distinction.

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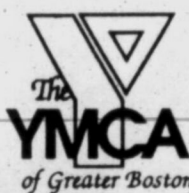
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ARRESTS

■ On Monday, June 20 at 9:06 p.m., police took a 19-year-old Somerville man into protective custody after he was found in an allegedly intoxicated condition at the corner of Adams Street and Broadway, police said.

■ At 6:40 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, police took a man from Old Mystic Street into protective custody, police said.

■ Police took a 16-year-old Arlington youth into protective custody after he was found in an allegedly intoxicated condition at the rear of the high school on Wednesday, June 22 at 6:15 p.m., police said.

■ At 2:45 a.m. on Friday, June 24, police arrested a 32-year-old Broadway woman at her home and charged her

with assault and battery in connection with her alleged attack of her boyfriend, police said. According to police, the woman pushed and hit her boyfriend.

■ On June 24 at 5:15 p.m., a 22-year-old man from Newland Street in Malden was arrested by police and charged with receiving stolen property over \$250. According to police, Jesse Barnaby, who operates a bookstore in East Arlington, was charged after it was discovered he had two stolen books in his store. Police said the books had been reported stolen from a Cambridge bookstore on Mount Auburn Street last year. Police are currently in possession of the books, which are valued at close to \$500.

■ Police took a 40-year-old Everett man into protective custody after he was found in an allegedly intoxicated condition at a Hillsdale Road address on June 24 at 7:45 p.m.

■ At 12:35 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, a 17-year-old young man from Teele Avenue in Somerville was arrested by po-

lice at the corner of Mass. Ave. and Newman Way and charged with the following: speeding, and transporting alcohol as a minor. According to police, there were several cans of Budweiser beer in the car that was being operated by the young man.

■ At 12:51 a.m. on June 25, a 21-year-old Roslindale man was taken into protective custody after he was found in an allegedly intoxicated condition at the corner of Littlejohn Street and Lake Street, police said.

■ At 1 p.m. on June 25, a 45-year-old man from Quigley Court in Winchester was arrested by police at the municipal parking lot on a default warrant charging him with failure to pay court costs, police said.

■ Police arrested a 27-year-old Broadway man on June 25 at 2:35 p.m. and charged him with threatening to kill his live-in girlfriend, police said.

■ On Sunday, June 26 at 9:20 p.m., a 63-year-old Ely Road man was arrested at the corner of Pleasant Street and Lombard Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, police said. According to police, the man was arrested after he rear-ended another motor vehicle. No injuries were reported in the accident, police said.

■ At 10:05 p.m. on June 26, police arrested a 25-year-old Arlington man and charged him with assault and battery in connection with his alleged attack of his wife at the Brookside Condominium complex on Arizona Terrace. Police arrested the man at the condos — once called Arizona Ranch — after he allegedly grabbed his wife by the neck and threw her against a wall.

VANDALISM

■ At 10:42 a.m. on Monday, June 20, a motor vehicle at a Venner Road address was reported vandalized.

■ On Thursday, June 23 at 5:44 p.m., a motor vehicle at a Harris Circle address was reported vandalized.

■ Vandalism at a Dunkin' Donuts in town was reported to police on Friday, June 24 at 11:03 p.m.

■ On Saturday, June 25, motor vehicles

at the following locations were reported vandalized to police: a Kensington Park address at 10:56 a.m.; and a Gardner Street address at 6:13 p.m.

■ At 2:21 a.m. on Sunday, June 26, a Gardner Street home was reported vandalized to police.

■ Police received a report of vandalism to a motor vehicle on Lincoln Street at 9:25 a.m. on June 26.

■ On June 26 at 11:02 a.m., vandalism to property at an address in the 900-block of Mass. Ave. was reported to police.

LARCENIES &
BREAK-INS

■ Monday, June 20, alleged larcenies at the following locations were reported to police: an address in the 800-block of Mass. Ave. at 11:03 a.m.; and an Appleton Street address at 3:52 p.m.

■ Bicycles were reported stolen from the following locations on June 20: a Gardner Street address at 2:14 p.m.; and a Wachusett Avenue address at 8:42 p.m.

■ Alleged larcenies at the following locations were reported to police on Tuesday, June 21: a Mount Vernon Street address at 2:52 p.m.; and an Oxford Street address at 5:34 p.m.

■ According to police, alleged larcenies at the following locations were reported on Wednesday, June 22: a Harvard Street address at 5:40 p.m.; and a Maynard Street address at 11:24 p.m.

■ Police received a report of a bicycle stolen from a Broadway address on Thursday, June 23 at 12:18 p.m.

■ At 2:30 p.m. on June 23, an alleged larceny at a Varnum Street address was reported to police.

■ Alleged larcenies at the following locations were reported to police on Friday, June 24: a Maynard Street address at 1:32 a.m.; a Broadway address at 8:19 a.m.; and a Lennon Road address at 1:40 p.m.

■ According to police, there was a break-in of a Hillsdale Road home reported on June 24 at 4:47 p.m.

■ Police received a report that a car was stolen from an Oldham Road address on June 24 at 6:32 p.m. The car was reportedly recovered at the same address later that night at 7:26 p.m.

■ At 3:33 a.m. on Sunday, June 26, police received a report that a motor vehicle was stolen from an Alton Street address.

■ An alleged larceny at a Broadway address was reported to police on June 26 at 1:06 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

■ On Monday, June 20 at 1:04 p.m., an accident at the corner of Pleasant and Gray streets was reported to police.

■ Domestic disturbances at the following locations were reported to police on June 20: an Edgehill Road address at 4:40 p.m.; a Williams Street address at 6:54 p.m.; and that same Williams Street address at 7:08 p.m.

■ A family disturbance at a Johnson Road address was reported to police on June 20 at 5:30 p.m.

■ At 7:08 p.m. on June 20, an accident at the corner of Mass. Ave. and Lake Street was reported to police.

■ Youths were reported gathering at the following locations on June 20: an address in the 800-block of Mass. Ave. at 10:31 p.m.; and an address in the 200-block of Mass. Ave. at 10:53 p.m.

■ According to police, someone was threatened at the municipal parking lot on Tuesday, June 21 at 10:07 a.m.

■ Accidents at the following locations were reported to police on June 21: an address in the 900-block of Mass. Ave. at 2:28 p.m.; the corner of Mountain and Dickson avenues at 4 p.m.; and the Mass. Ave. Stop & Shop food store at 4:04 p.m. No injuries were reported.

■ Police received a report of an accident at the corner of Forest Street and Frazer Road on June 21 at 5:53 p.m.

■ A neighborhood disturbance on Teel Street was reported to police on June 21 at 6:52 p.m.

■ Youths were reported gathering at the following locations on June 21: Magnolia Field at 9:15 p.m.; a Varnum Street address at 9:26 p.m.; Thorndike Field at 9:42 p.m.; and an Arizona Terrace address at 11:04 p.m.

■ Police received reports of alleged assault and battery incidents at the following locations on June 21: a Russell Terrace address at 11:42 p.m.; and a Forest street address at 11:54 p.m.

■ Wednesday, June 22, youths were reported gathering at the following locations: an address in the 800-block of Mass. Ave. at 2:26 p.m.; Menotomy Rocks Park at 7:42 p.m.; a Park Avenue address at 10:04 p.m.; and Robbins Farm at 11:15 p.m.

■ Police received a report of an accident at the corner of Swan and Pleasant streets at 3:17 p.m. on June 22. No injuries were reported.

■ A domestic disturbance was reported to police at Mystic Street on June 22 at 4:23 p.m.

■ An alleged assault and battery at a Churchill Avenue address was reported to police on June 22 at 4:41 p.m.

■ Police received a report of a neighborhood disturbance at an Iroquois Road address on June 22 at 5:54 p.m.

■ Police served summonses to people at the following locations on June 22: a Varnum Street address at 7:38 p.m.; and a Purcell Road address at 7:52 p.m.

■ Youths were reported gathering at the following locations on Thursday, June 23: a Gardner Street address at 4:12 a.m.; a Gardner Street address at 7:40 p.m.; a Ryder Street address at 9:27 p.m.; a Thorndike Field address at 9:36 p.m.; the Stratton School at 10:08 p.m.; the Bishop School at 10:13 p.m.; Robbins Farm at 11:37 p.m.; the corner of Mass. Ave. and Prentiss Road at 11:40 p.m.; and Parallel Park at 11:58 p.m.

■ Youths were reported gathering at the following locations on Friday, June 24: the corner of Mass. Ave. and Daniels Street at 12:06 a.m.; Broadway Plaza at 4:33 p.m.; the corner of Oakland and Gray streets at 8:08 p.m.; the Stratton School at 8:56 p.m.; the North Union Street playground at 9:04 p.m.; an address in the 900-block of Mass. Ave. at 9:20 p.m.; the Minuteman Trail at 9:49 p.m.; an address in the 1200-block of Mass. Ave. at 10:51 p.m.; and a Fremont Court address at 11:06 p.m.

■ Accidents at the following locations were reported to police on June 24: a Summer Street address at 8:31 a.m.; and that same Summer Street address at 11:52 a.m.

■ An assault and battery at a Maynard Street address was reported to police on June 24 at 1:14 p.m.

■ Domestic disturbances at the following locations were reported to police on June 24: a Renfrew Street address at 5:20 p.m.; a George Street address at 6:21 p.m.; a Renfrew Street address at 8:23 p.m.; and a George Street address at 8:54 p.m.

■ Police received a report of an incident exposure on June 24 at 6:32 p.m. at Magnolia Field.

■ According to police, an accident at the corner of Pleasant Street and Lombard Road was reported on June 25 at 2:11 a.m.

■ Youths were reported gathering at Poets Corner playground on June 25 at 9:56 p.m.

■ At 10:29 p.m. on June 25, a fight at a Webcowet Road address was reported to police.

■ At 12:08 a.m. on Sunday, June 26, a prowler at a Mohawk Road address was reported to police.

■ At 9:43 p.m. on June 26, youths were reported gathering at an address in the 900-block of Mass. Ave.

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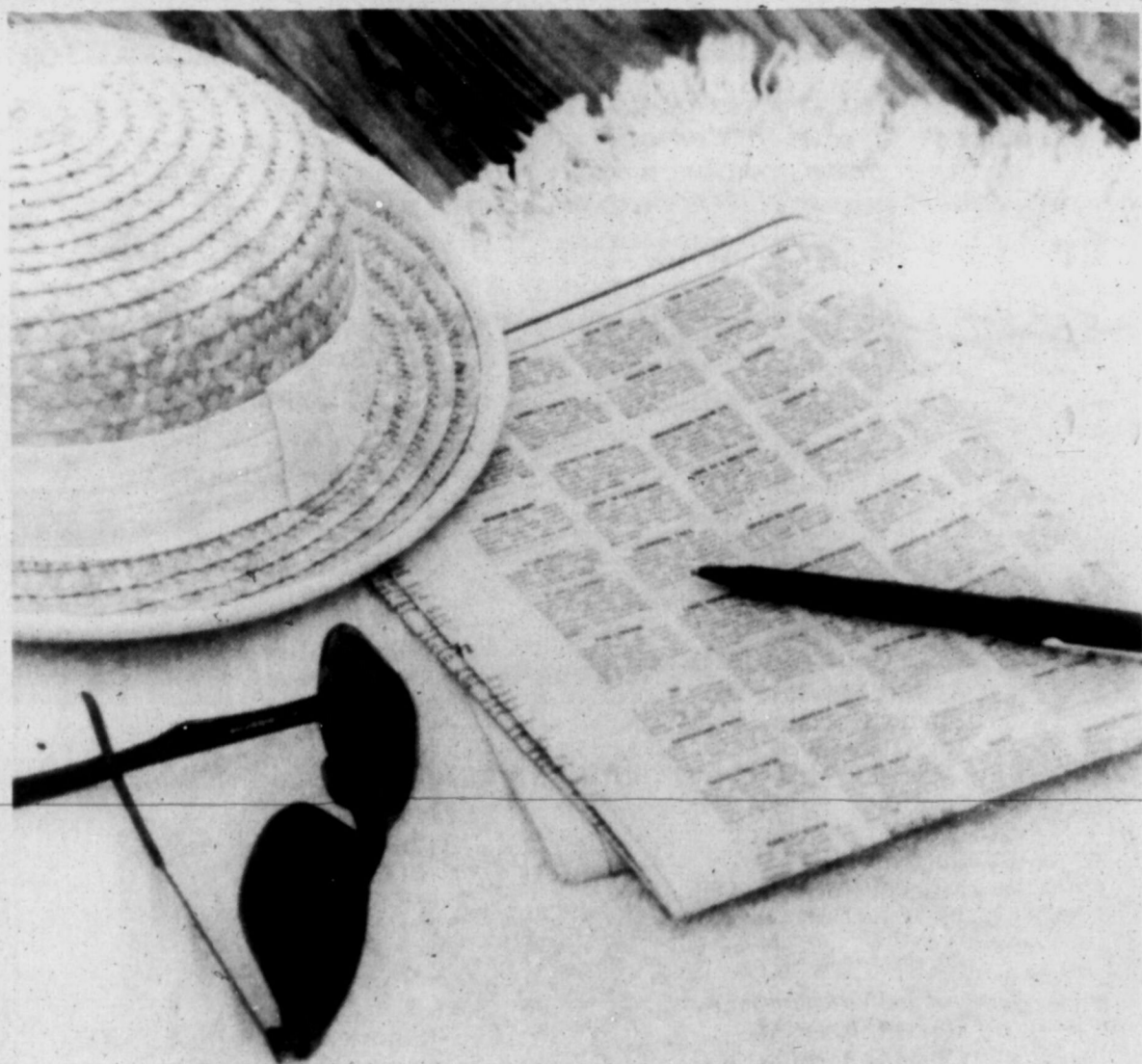
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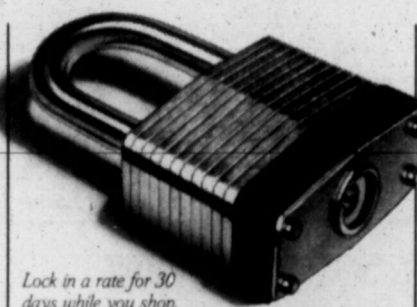
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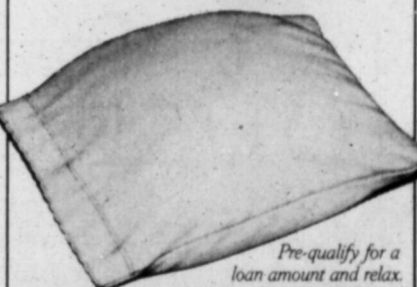
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Several members of the New England Ski for Light group took part in a tandem bicycle ride starting at the Jefferson Cutter House in Arlington Center on June 11. The exercise pairs sighted riders with the visually impaired. Above, Arlington resident Lillian Johnson (right) confers with riders. The group is seeking new guides. For information, call 648-5165.

ABOUT ARLINGTON PEOPLE



Susan Shaer awarded Abigail Adams honor

Arlington resident **Susan Shaer** was named one of six Abigail Adams honorees recently by the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus (MWPC). Shaer accepted the honor before a packed crowd of women and political candidates including gubernatorial, US Senate, state treasurer, lieutenant governor and State House representatives including Arlington's Rep. Jim Marzilli.

Shaer was given the annual award for "working hard to bring women into the political and economic mainstream, from her early leadership in the League of Women Voters to her service as campaign manager for Barbara Hildt's congressional bid," said Delores Mitchell, president of the MWPC. "As co-founder and president of TEAM, the Tax Equity Alliance for Massachusetts, she combines her political skills with her unflagging commitment to causes deemed lost by others," Mitchell said.

Currently executive director of the national nonprofit WAND, Women's Action for New Directions (formerly, for nuclear disarmament), Shaer was applauded for "continuing the good fight." Fighting for "new directions and nuclear disarmament is truly a good fight, now more than ever," Shaer added. The national office for WAND is located in Arlington, with a lobbying office in Washington, D.C.

Also receiving awards were Massachusetts Secretary of Consumer Affairs Priscilla Douglas; president and chief executive officer of Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries Deborah Jackson; principal of 760 Associates Nancy Korman; environmental attorney and partner at Foley, Hoag & Eliot Cathleen Douglas Stone; and Federal Judge Nancy Gertner.

Shaer was accompanied by her two daughters Alix and Julie, also of Arlington. Shaer recognized their presence while accepting the award, saying, "I'm delighted my daughters could be with me here tonight. If we blaze trails, it is for them and their generation."

Keynote speaker US Assistant Attorney General Eleanor D. Acheson lauded the award winners for their significant contributions to the realization of equal political, economic and social rights for women.

The MWPC was established in Massachusetts in 1971 and is an affiliate of the National Women's Political Caucus based in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the caucus is to promote the election and appointment of qualified women to all levels of government. The caucus is bipartisan.

Christina Chang exhibits at the Stebbins Gallery

Christina Chang, a resident of Arlington and a senior at Texas Christian University will be exhibiting her painting as part of an art show entitled "Women in the '90s."

"Women in the '90s" runs from July 2 to 31 at the Stebbins Gallery, Zero Church St., Harvard Square, Cambridge. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays, and noon to 4 p.m., Sundays. The reception will be Saturday, July 23, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Chang has studied art at the Ghost Ranch in Santa Fe, N.M., and the Lorenzo De Medici in Florence, Italy. Her other exhibits include: The Mary Cove Burnett Library in Fort Worth, Texas; Mayfest, a citywide juried art show; and the Vestibulum of Texas Christian University. She is the recipient of The Nordan Fine Arts Scholarship at TCU, was the winner of the Design Logo for Peer Educators, and placed as honorable mention in the Asel Art Contest in Texas. Her painting, sculptures and etchings incorporate her many cultural and regional experiences.

"Women in the '90s" focuses on contemporary women artists' views of women and the world, and speaks to a broad audience by making connections with everyday life. Although depicting women artists relate to women's roles, they also react to contemporary issues, such as class consciousness, economics and the relationship of power and gender.

The viewer will be challenged by the content, the range of images and styles. Some of the works are abstract but most are figurative. Renderings of the female form, however, are vastly different from those of the 19th and early centuries. The artists have succeeded in creating images of women which are individualistic and sensitive to women's issues.

Dr. Linda Ostrander of Cambridge College curated this juried exhibit of 16 artists from New England, New York and New Jersey: Susna Alport; Rosalie Beck; Clara Bohrer; Pamela Bower; Christina Chang; Ann Chernow; Mary Ernst; Robyn Giannozzi; Audrey Goldstein; Lynne Harlow; Denise Hartz; Lucy Janjigian; Madeline Kanieff; Dorothy Manning; Mary Rhineland; and Ann Starr.

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Car wash proposal eyed

BY THE ADVOCATE STAFF

The Conservation Commission has not scrubbed plans by a private businessman to convert part of the old Arrow Pontiac site to a car wash, but local environmental officials do have some concerns about a proposal to clean up the property and bring in new businesses.

Representatives for the Arrow site, which is located deep in East Arlington next to the Cambridge city line, met with conservation commissioners and local activists last week to hash out some particulars on their bid to redevelop the abandoned building site. Plans are to put a car wash, a drug store and one other retail outlet at the site.

But while commissioners said last week that they don't necessarily oppose the commercial intentions of William Marley, the owner of the site, they added that they would like to see several of their concerns more fully addressed by the proponents of site redevelopment.

A hearing held last Thursday has been continued to Thursday, July 7.

According to Conservation Commission Chairman Susan Brent, commissioners want proponents to develop a revised plan that would take more fully into consideration the site's location within the town's flood district. They also want any development to maintain open space at the site and not to over-

take all the greenery with a layer of blacktop for parking spaces.

Under the current proposal, CVS and the Ultimate Car Wash would locate to the Arrow site, along with a third, unnamed tenant. The site is located near the Alewife Brook, which is part of the town's flood district.

Local activists have been concerned that any development at the site not increase traffic and noise in the area.

The Conservation Commission's approval is necessary because of the site's closeness to Alewife. The commission has jurisdiction over projects on town property that would affect local wetlands.

The proposal to redevelop the site will likely require the approvals of the Conservation Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Redevelopment Board.

In other Conservation Commission matters:

■ **Longtime commission administrator Dorothy Maher** is stepping down from that post, after serving the commission for close to 15 years. She will be replaced by Ann Harrer, a West Medford resident and a part-time conservation ranger in Lincoln.

■ **The Algonquin Gas Transmission Co.** is seeking permission from the commission to install special wiring along a 30-inch natural gas transmission pipeline in Spy Pond. According to company officials, the wiring would increase the lifespan of the pipe. A hearing is set for July 7.

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Editorial

Transitions

The school year came to an end last week but the Arlington school system, in another sense, is at a beginning point. Newly appointed Superintendent Kathleen Donovan assumes the job this week and has already attended her first School Committee meeting. This is something of a reverse field Donovan is running: just as the thoughts of so many in town turn to the summer coast of Maine, Donovan leaves her former job in York, Maine, and turns her attention to Arlington. But from all accounts the new superintendent appears to be up for the challenge.

School Committee member Barbara Goodman makes a good point in noting (see letters column) that there is a need for more public interaction with the school system. It is likely that this town will face major decisions in the coming year about its financial support of the schools. In recent years it has been difficult to discuss school finance issues in an intelligent way because there has been an information gap about how the money is being spent, how teacher salaries affect the budget, and how spending priorities might be shifted.

The Advocate is not exempt from blame in this department — we have not always been up to the journalistic challenge that the School Department budget poses. But neither have we had much help from the administration in getting accurate, intelligible information out to the public. It's our hope that under the leadership of Kay Donovan the community will be better prepared to make well-informed decisions about support for public education.

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It must be said that a good start has already been made in that direction. The budget that the School Department presented to Town Meeting this year was widely praised by Town Meeting members. Under the leadership of Interim Superintendent Joanne Gurry, a comprehensive — and comprehensible — document was produced. It lists teacher and administrator salary levels, school enrollments, and detailed budget breakdowns (with pie charts, to boot!). The upshot of all the numbers was that the town will allocate \$21.6 million for the 1994-95 school year, of which about 82 percent goes for salaries to teachers, administrators and other personnel and about 1.8 percent goes to instructional materials.

Interim Superintendent Gurry was praised in this week's School Committee meeting for stepping into a difficult position and performing well. As we welcome Superintendent Donovan, we tip our hats as well to Joanne Gurry.

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And while we're involved in hat-tipping, let us note the years of service that Police Director John Carroll has put in. His retirement begins next week and we wish him well. Arlington may at times seem to be a sleepy hamlet, but from the police director's office it isn't so. A look at any week's police log reveals a startling array of misfits and hoodlums on the loose. Police officers are the ones who have to look straight into society's scummy underside. And keeping a good police force together is a harder job in most places than it used to be. John Carroll's wisdom, experience and knowledge of the town will be hard to replace.

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As for the recent doings on the Arlington Housing Authority, one local was said last week he had been thinking that there were only three things certain in life — death, taxes, and that Frank Hurd would be appointed executive director of the housing authority.

Former executive director Joan Gross did a fine job in leading the search for a new director, and a number of impressive candidates were interviewed. But the final decision belonged to our five distinguished members of the housing authority: John Griffin, Patricia Garrity, Jack Cusack, John Doyle, and James Ferraro. Perhaps they chose the best candidate in Franklin Hurd, but were their minds ever really open to the other candidates? Was a decision made early on by Cusack — who thinks of the housing authority as "his" domain — that Hurd would be the one? The process sure had the faint odor of a foregone conclusion, even before it was concluded.



Letters to the Editor

Comments from Council on Aging

To the editor:

Two letters in the June 23 Advocate deserve comment and clarification. As chair of the board of the Council on Aging, I would like to respond to these letters.

Marion Savio, president of the Arlington Senior Association and representative to the board of Minuteman Home Care (MHC), accurately describes Arlington's funding history of Minuteman Home Care. The town of Arlington eliminated support of Minuteman Home Care several years ago in a budget cut. The amount of \$8,000 is a token toward the breadth and depth of locally rendered services. The Council on Aging (COA) applied for reinstatement of this amount in its FY'95 budget submission and the request was denied. We hoped to give advocacy to this important service and see it reinstated in the town budget.

The letter of Dorothy S. Hughes offers an excellent description of the kind of critical services offered by MHC. Through these services her mother is able to stay in her apartment. Hughes states that the Council on Aging is remiss in not funding MHC. On the contrary, the council inserted this item in its budget requests and addressed the Finance Committee requesting that the town resume its token contribution. This is a "fair share" of the town of Arlington, not the Council on Aging.

Mildred Hurd, Tony Polcari and Marion Savio represent the COA board on the MHC board and give strong advocacy to Minuteman Home Care. Through their efforts the COA attempted to restore this appropriation.

Perhaps when the next fiscal appropriations are discussed, Hughes and others that share her convictions can join the COA in advocacy for Minuteman Home Care.

Henry Tomsuden
Fisher Road

Response to response to response

To the editor:

When I saw that it was Pasquale Tassone who was responding to my June 16 letter to the Advocate re Herbert Yood, I was greatly disappointed. I wrote my first letter to a newspaper editor at age 3 or 4. At that time, my mother explained that, since I was writing about a very controversial subject, I must be prepared to respond to any criticism of my letter myself, even though there were hundreds of people who agreed with me on the subject. In fact, the newspaper published many letters which disagreed with my viewpoint. Ironically, the letters merely confirmed what I had said, although that was not their intent.

Even though people who are not known to me by name have come forward to agree with me re my criticism of Herbert Yood, I am glad to respond to Mr. Tassone myself.

First of all, my mother asked me to thank Tassone for saying she and I have a similar literary style, which is very kind of her. She claims to have adopted my style 10 years ago. At that time we were collaborating on a newspaper, and she admired my work. I am an admirer of my mother's style, also.

When I read a letter which is published in a newspaper or magazine, I

am capable of evaluating that letter without contacting the writer. The writer can be a Herbert Yood or a Carl Sagan or a Stephen Jay Gould. I have been blessed with superior comprehension. It is a gift from God. Therefore, whether I used that gift at age 2 and was considered a prodigy, or will use that gift in 20 years and be considered "just another reader," my gift remains the same. At the very least, I will always be above average when it comes to reading and comprehension. I have been tested in this regard. (Regrettably, I am not a violinist. It is my mother's favorite instrument.)

I have always responded to letters to editors from people who disagree with me, and I have never attempted to strengthen my position by stating that "all such-and-such readers" agree with me. I should find that very boring indeed.

Insofar as Mr. Marquis' remark regarding "some school committee members smoking an illegal substance" is concerned, it is my opinion he would not have made that statement if he truly believed it. He's been at his post long enough to know he should report suspected illegal activities to the police department. It is possible that some people are refusing to let go of Marquis' comment for their own motives.

Tassone doubts whether my mother would use the expression, "Arlington teacher union types" if I were a student in Arlington Public Schools. Thank God for the First Amendment, which my mother celebrates every time she testifies at the State House on education matters. My mother would not be intimidated into refraining from speaking about Arlington teacher union types in a one-on-one conversation with any Arlington teacher, including Tassone or Yood. To suggest otherwise is very amusing. It is actually hilarious.

The health insurance snafu is a subject about which I have not written for the simple reason it was resolved in the manner which I felt was correct. Believe it or not, I am very busy with a variety of projects and I only write letters under certain circumstances. One of those is when someone, particularly an AHS teacher, makes the statement, "As all Advocate readers know..." Herbert Yood does not have my permission to speak for me. Period.

Anthony L. Bernacchi
Mass. Ave.

Taking the bus

To the editor:

The editorial "Get on the Bus," in the June 16 Advocate was wonderful and on the mark. One of the attractions of Arlington is its mix of comparative quiet with the availability of urban services, such as public transportation.

In addition to the benefits of using public transportation stated in the editorial (reducing congestion, improving the parking situation), other side effects of more people riding the bus might include a chance to better appreciate the town (since you have a chance to look out the window rather than at traffic) and an increased appreciation of the reasons behind the crosswalk law (since you too will need to cross the street at crosswalks) so that when they do drive they will be more likely to yield to the folks who are trying to cross the street, perhaps to catch that bus.

Stephen P. Berczuk
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Thorndike Street

Let's bring the public into public education

The following is an open letter to Kay Donovan, the new superintendent of Arlington Public Schools.

Dear Superintendent Donovan,

Welcome to Arlington. This is a town that cares about its citizens. Visit our Recreation Department, Senior Center, and our new Robbins Library. You'll be impressed by the wealth of services and resources available to residents of all ages.

This is a town that also cares about education. Our per-pupil expenditures are above average. Town Meeting recently approved a massive renovation project for our school buildings.

A long list of tasks awaits your attention. They are all very important, complex, and challenging — even for someone with your qualifications and experience. As a member of the Arlington School Committee, I would like to share with you my number one priority: invite the public into public education.

Twenty years ago, parents sent their kids to school and taxpayers paid the bill. Parents rarely questioned the teacher's authority, nor the citizens the cost of education. Now parents are more sophisticated and demanding consumers, and taxpayers have put a cap on our expenditures.

Times have changed. Yet we — educational leaders, both appointed and elected — have not successfully responded to the public's requests for an explanation of our programs and an accounting of our expenses. This failure to adapt is endangering public education. The ease with which so many politicians

at all levels of government have abandoned public education is evidence of how urgent it is for us to reestablish our credibility with our constituents — the parents, students and taxpayers of the Arlington community.

Please welcome the public into public education. Citizens don't want to meddle or manage our schools. They want to be informed and involved. Most want us to demonstrate that we are preparing students for the future and that we are spending their money wisely. Some citizens want to contribute their time and skills to help us with the enormous task of educating our youth.

I urge you to take every opportunity to inform and involve the public. Publish a budget that is understandable and available to all. Help teachers and principals communicate their goals and the curriculum. As you did in York, Maine, encourage volunteerism and issue a report card on how our schools are doing. Build upon the sense of common purpose that was generated here as parents, teachers, administrators and community members worked as a team to find a new superintendent. Support the efforts of the school councils and the Vision 2020 Education Task Force as they explore ways to use this teacher-parent-community partnership to improve our schools.

The citizens of Arlington care deeply about education. Keep them informed and involved. They will become our best advocates.

Welcome!

Barbara Goodman
Arlington School Committee member

T improvements are needed

To the editor:

The following letter was mailed to the Arlington Board of Selectmen last November. There has been no response from the selectmen and there has been no improvement in bus service.

It should not matter that these issues were raised by one not living in Arlington; they affect everyone equally and reflect badly both on the T and the town. It may well be that others in Arlington have similar complaints and mine can be added to theirs.

"Dear Ms. Dias:

Although I now live in Reading, I had lived in Arlington for eight years (1964-72) and continue to ride the Mass. Ave. buses to Alewife or Harvard. I don't know whether the Arlington selectmen ride these vehicles, but you should be aware of present service conditions.

First, repairs. One can charitably call the buses "clunkers." Roll signs don't work — no one knows where a bus is going as it approaches. Operators must pull over, announce the destination and pull away when people realize it was the wrong bus, delaying everyone. Doors and windows don't close. Vehicles are drafty and often dirty.

Second, scheduling. Seventy-seven and 79 busses leave the Heights at about the same time and then play

"tag" at each stop, again creating delays. One would think that staggered departures would make more sense and would speed the rides of those who can take either bus.

Third, traffic flow through vehicles. The T has made no effort to encourage passengers to use rear doors, and in fact, many operators actively discourage it. As a result, people are first urged to move to the rear, and then force their ways through crowded buses to exit at the front. Common sense suggests that trips would be faster if people used rear doors.

In general, operators are pleasant and good drivers, and passengers appreciate their efforts.

People will use public transportation when they are assured of safe, convenient and affordable service. The T needs to be made aware that improvements should be made in service to Arlington. I hope the Arlington selectmen will come to our aid.

Thank you for your assistance."

Arthur J. Reynolds Jr.
Reading

Make use of the Fox

To the editor:

My thanks goes out to all who participated in keeping the Edith Fox Library open.

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